Imperialism- Countries Raced to compete for resources and “Street Credibility”. European countries dominated Africa and Asia. England was the most dominant.

Urbanization- Cities became larger- Steel allowed for high rise buildings- soon elevators, street cars, department stores etc…became commonplace. Sanitation improved with clean drinking water and underground sewage systems.

Industrialization- The Suez Canal showed the power of excavating equipment, Factories became larger and larger using more and more mechanical equipment. The assembly line was developed for standardization of products. Chemicals were developed for all sorts of purposes from photography to sanitation to medical products

Modernity- Electricity lit up buildings, coal fired engines, Photography begat film, telegraph begat the telephone, by the early 20th Century Radio! Mass Popular Culture meant that people could share their likes with one another and suddenly some people and events developed huge interest and acclaim.

Workers demanded rights. Unionization, Socialism and even Communism. Even conservatives such as Bismarck pushed for worker rights with the advancement of social insurance. By the early 20th Century- England too, provided social insurance.

Nationalists- More and more people demanded their own home country. Irish, Croats, Serbs etc…. England tried to find a middle course w/Home Land Rule.

Social Darwinism combined, Nationalism w/Darwinism- Minorities became persecuted, especially Jews. Pogroms in Russia, Anti-Semites in Austria and France. Social Darwinism provided a rationale for persecution and discrimination of other groups.

By 1914, a Powder Keg of Industrialization and Nationalization would lead to the First World War, with consequences that no one anticipated (but should’ve?)